FRIENDS OF THE ZOO







Above left: Gwyneth Gamble Booth, Betsy Johnson Helm and Phil Jackson

Above right: Jan Berckefeldt and Joan Austin Left: Y. Sherry Sheng and Dolores Atiyeh merkers for Jan Berckefeldt to remember. The incoming executive director of the Friends of the Zoo met a roomful July 13 at the zoo's Afri-Cafe at a reception given by Joan Austin, Gwyneth Gamble Booth and Betsy Johnson Helm.

Among guests were Ernie Bloch, Gertrude Boyle, Garry Bullard, Patsy and Rocky Dixon, Dolores Atlyeh, Patti Ridenour, Gerry and Sandra Drummond, Sam Naito and Chet Orloff.

Phil Jackson, president of the Friends of the Zoo, introduced Berckefeldt. Zoo Director Y. Sherry Sheng added her remarks.

Berckefeldt comes from a similar job with the Los Angeles zoo. As luck would have it, she started driving to Oregon the day Los Angeles shook — "one step ahead of the earthquake," as she put it.

The only rumbles that Berckefeldt should hear from her new home in Portland Heights are an occasional lion's roar or the zoo train's whistle.